

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4 and 5 currently appear in this application. The Office Action of July 27, 2005, has been carefully studied. These claims define novel and unobvious subject matter under Sections 102 and 103 of 35 U.S.C., and therefore should be allowed. Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration, entry of the present amendment, and formal allowance of the claims.

Claim Objections

Claims 1 and 4 are objected to because 'hemoglobin" is misspelled and "andinterstitial" should be - and interstitial--.

The present amendment corrects these typographical errors.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 1, 4-5, 7-10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claims 1, 4 and 5 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestions.

Claims 7-10 and 12 have been cancelled.

Art Rejections

Claims 6 and 9 are rejected as being anticipated by Albarella et al.

As the present amendment cancels claims 6 and 9, this rejection is now moot.

Claims 7-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Albarella et al. and Svoboda et al.

As the present amendment cancels claims 7 and 8, this rejection is now moot.

Claims 6-7 and 9-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Albarella et al. in view of Paisey et al.

As the present amendment cancels claims 6-7 and 9-10, this rejection is now moot.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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